कि सरकार के मितव्ययता संबंधी उपायों से विशेष भर्ती अभियान पर प्रभाव पड़ा है।

(ख) और (ग) दिनांक 31-3-91 की स्थिति के अनुसार अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति की आरक्षित बकाया रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार के मंत्रालयों विभागों ने एक विशेष अभियान चलाया है । इसी प्रकार, अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति की आरक्षित बकाया रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों, बैंकों और बीमा कम्पनियों ने भी एक विशेष भर्ती अभियान चलाया है । इस अभियान के अन्तर्गत भर्ती पूरी करने की अन्तिम लक्षित तारीख 31-3-1992 है । अद्यतन प्राप्त रिपोर्टों के अनुसार अभियान के अन्तर्गत की गई प्रगति निम्न प्रकार है :—

	पिछले बकाया आरक्षण	जारी नियुक्ति आदेश
मंत्रालय/विभाग	16,362	4512
सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम	12,149	4963
सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक	2,242	827
बीमा निगम	804	—

Memorandum of understanding between India and China

*392. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : SHRI BHUBANESWARKALITA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Memorandum of understanding has recently been signed between India and China in respect of Civil, Services, Management and Administration; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) A Memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed by India and China on the 21st February, 1992 at Beijing It seeks to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of Civil Services, Personnel Management and Public Administration between the two countries. The following broad forms of cooperation are edvi-saged:—

(i) Exchange of professional study tours.

(ii) Exchange of experts for delivering lectures on and making comparative studies of the Civil Services, Personnel Management and Public Administration.

(iii) Establishment of cooperation between civil services training institution of the two countries.

(iv) Exchange of relevant materials.

The MOU also leaves room for flexibi-ltity in introducing any other form of cooperation that may be mutually agreed upon. It will remain in force for a period of 3 years to begin with unless either side notifies, in writing, its intention to modify or terminate it at a date not later than six months before its expiry.

Purchase of Military Equipment from U.S.A.

*393. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS : SHRI SOM PAL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the military equipments our country is buying from U.S.A. and at what cost;

(b) whether M-109 self-propelled gun is listed for purchase from the U.S.A.;

(c) if so, what are the details about the efficiency of the gun, its invention date and cost per piece;

(d) whether it is a fact that the above gun is an outsdated weapott in U.S. artillery and they are using the latest gun M-109 HIP A-6 version; if so, what are the reasons for not purchasing this latest weapon in preference to an obsolete weapon; and

(e) whether our military collaboration with U.S. is increasing day-by-day, if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Some of our defence requirements are being met through imports from various sources, including fine USA. It would not be in the national security interest to furnish details of such procurements.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) Measures are underway to enhance interaction between the two countries in the defence sector as a part of Government's policy to improve defence relations with friendly foreign countries. These measures, include, *interalia,* "exchange of visits, participation in training courses, symposia and joint exercises at the basic level.

Subsidy dues and escalation claims of fertilizer industry

*394. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of subsidy dues and escalation claims of the fertilizer industry;

(b) whether major fertilizer units are likely to close down for want of funds to pay for the inputs and operating costs; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to release subsidy payments and other dues of fertilizer industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) :

(a) As on 24-3-1992 the outstanding dues on account of subsidy to fertilizer industry was Rs. 512-58 crores. In addition, the requirements for escalation claims are estimated at abourt Rs. 950 crores.

(b) Apart from a few single superphosphate units in the medium and small scale sectors, no report has been received regarding closure of any major fertilizer nit.

(c) Additional funds to the extent of Rs, 350 crores, have been asked for in the last batch of supplementaries for the current year in order to clear as much of the pending claims within the current year itself as possibles also Additional funds, have also been asked for in the Vote on Account for next year in order to liquidite the carry over claims of the current year early next year. Within the budgetary allocations, all efforts are being made, to expedite subsidy payments.

बेकार पड़ी कोयला खानों को आठवीं योजनावधि के दौरान फिर से चालू किया जाना

*395. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह :** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बेकार पड़ी कोयला खानों को आठवीं योजनावधि के दौरान कोल इण्डिया या गैर-सरकारी पार्टियों के माध्यम से चलवाये जाने के बारे में कोई निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) बेकार पड़ी कोयला खानों का, राज्यवार, ब्यौरा क्या है और उन्हें फिर चालू करने के लिये बनायी गई योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) छठी और सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना काल से लम्बित बिहार की कोयला खानों के लिये क्या योजनायें हैं और उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार अन्य राज्यों में लम्बित इसी प्रकार की परियोजनाओं के कार्य को भी शुरू करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ङ) उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) :

(क) से (ङ) ऐसी खानों को छोड़कर, जिनमें कोयले के भंडार पहले ही समाप्त हो गये हैं, कोल इण्डिया लि० ऐसी बन्द पड़ी खानों को पुनः खोले जाने के प्रयास कर रही है, जिनमें गहन अन्वेषण के माध्यम से वाणिज्यिक संभावनायें विनिर्दिष्ट की गयी हैं।

वर्तमान में, निजी पार्टियों के माध्यम से ऐसी कोयला खानों को खोल जाने के